Homelessness in Australia has risen 30% in the past decade. Every day, 261 people are turned away from homelessness services due to a lack of housing & resources.

Who are they?
- People under 25 make up 37% of Australia’s homeless population
- There has been a 49% increase in people aged 55 and over experiencing homelessness in 10 years

Where do they stay?
- The vast majority of homelessness is hidden from view.
- People who sleep rough make up only 7% of the homeless population
- 44% in 'severely overcrowded' dwellings
- 18% Supported accommodation
- 15% Boarding houses
- 15% Couchsurfing
- 7% Rough sleeping

Where are they?
- The Northern Territory has the highest rate of homelessness: 599 per 10,000 people
- Despite only making up 3.3% of the Australian population, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people represent 22% of the homeless population

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116,427
- Australians were experiencing homelessness on Census night in Australia in 2016
- The Census provides a conservative estimate of how many people are experiencing homelessness on a single night. In 2016-17, 288,273 Australians sought assistance from homelessness services.